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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ATSUSHI OHTANI, ET AL.

Application No.: 08/878,581

Filed: June 19, 1997

For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD

Examiner: A. Christensen

Group Art Unit: 2712

January 15, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

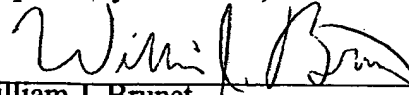
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 for the two remaining months from November 17, 2001 to January 17, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$810.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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